

## CONGRESS.

### An Abstract of the More Important Proceedings in Both Houses.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25.

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## PICKET SHOTS.

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Sol R. Smith, Co. C, 11th Ohio, Lincoln, Ill., would like to have Congress pass a bill giving to every surviving comrade and the heirs of the dead a bronze medal, suitably inscribed, as a token of reward for his patriotic services.

Henry C. Keys, Co. L, 14th Pa. Cav., Brookville, Pa., was taken prisoner by Mosby's band at Ashby's Gap, having first received a shot through the shoulder. He was taken to Libby Prison, where he lay for some time on ground corn and water for some months.

Thomas J. Mills, Co. D, 37th Mass., Monson, Mass., was for some time an inmate of Portsmouth Grove (R. I.) Hospital, and was astonished to see in the X-ray apparatus, on March 22 that John A. Hubbard, Co. C, 35th Mich., states that wounded and sick soldiers were ill-treated, as he (Mills) had every comrade and attention during a severe attack of typhoid fever.

In reply to Corp'l J. J. Steckel, regarding the accident to a train near Belleair, O., W. W. Reading, Co. F, 6th Pa. Rif., writes that he has the following entry in his diary kept at that time: "Saturday, Jan. 18, 1862—Train in our rear ran off the track; two comrades killed and one seriously injured."

Neil S. Redfield, Co. I, 6th U. S. Cav., Jackson, Mo., writes that he has been in the army three years' service, on duty at cavalry headquarters in the capacity of dispatch carrier, and came very frequently in contact with Gen. Sherman. He says he never saw him, but that he knew him at the front, on skirmish line, when it was so hot that he (Redfield) was very glad when his duty was over. He repels with scorn the imputations recently cast upon Custer's courage.

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Wm. Jacobs, Danvers, Ill., calls for the difference between the valor and the depreciated currency with which the soldiers were paid during the war.

W. J. Miller, Lake City, Minn., thinks the soldiers should put aside all political differences and join together and demand their rights.

John Morton, Co. C, 2nd Ind. Inf., Dighton, Mass., writes that it is about time for the soldiers of the country to commence opposing the "stay-at-home element," as they are the men who are constantly obstructing just pension legislation.

J. L. Taylor, Howard, Tex., contends that every soldier should have a pension from the date of his discharge.

Joseph P. Mann, Co. D, 21 Vt. Cav., Mohawk, N. Y., writes that the veterans would spend their time much more profitably in writing to Congressmen and urging upon their rights than by disputing each other's claims for service.

Adrian Smith, Greenburg, Ind., wonders how long it will be before the soldiers get their dues from the Government. He thinks it is about time now that the Government performed its duty.

Isaac Crowlfield, Saginaw County, Mich., complains that the enlisted men of the gunboats did not receive the salvage and prize-money promised them.

Thomas J. Smith, Co. E, 57th Ill., Indianapolis, Ind., thinks it would be hard lines not to pension a prisoner of war unless he had been confined 90 days. He writes that his confinement was 100 days, and he is quite sufficient to entitle him to relief, as the rebel authorities were adept in the art of making a little confinement go a long way.

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